

Nauall Affair and from time to time I will Defend and keep harmless... Francis shall sustain at any time by reason of... Several laws enacted and Ordained... and remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and delivered in presence of us Thomas Lawrence Edward Bookby

Hen: Denton Sealed Charles Carroll Sealed

His Exc^{ty} J^{ty} Edmund Andros Knight Capt^l Gen^l and Govern^r in Chief of his Majesties Colony of Virginia

Sh^d Humble Petition of Phillip Clark of St Marys County in his Majesties Province of Maryland most Humbly sheweth unto y^{ty} Exc^{ty}

That whereas y^e Petitioner in y^e said Revolution was Admitted and Sworn an Attorney in y^e Bro^{ty} Court and in severall of y^e County Courts of y^e said Province and in y^e said Court did practice till y^e 28th day of August last which time y^e Petitioner received Summons to Appear and serve his Majesty as a Justice of y^e Bro^{ty} Court upon which Summons y^e Petitioner did most humbly petition his Exc^{ty} present Govern^r that for as much as he had been always ready to serve his most sacred Majesty in y^e said Revolution and since and that y^e practice of an Attorney was that upon which y^e whole maintenance of his Family did depend did therefore most humbly pray that he might not be discharged from his Office of an Attorney by being made one of y^e said Justices neither of which Reasons did prevail wth his Exc^{ty} so that y^e Petitioner in Obidishness to y^e said Commission did accept of y^e said hoping by this Submission to continue his Practice in y^e said Courts of y^e Province but his Exc^{ty} having Decemb^r Court last pronounced a projudice ag^t y^e Petitioner for what y^e Petitioner knows not, except for refusing as Judge of y^e said Courts to grant a Judgmt^{nt} ag^t y^e said Govern^r contrary to what he did for four days together come down to y^e Bro^{ty} Court and till then in his proper person he did Endeavour to prove y^e Petitioner guilty of some crime that might deserve Imprisonment but y^e Evidence after all his threats not swearing as he desired was disappointed of his design: did afterwards upon y^e 14th day of Decemb^r by an Act of Council discharge y^e Petitioner from being a Justice of y^e said Court as a reward of his pleading in any of y^e Courts of y^e Province and issued out a Proclamation promising any person a reward of twenty pounds Sterling that would swear y^e Petitioner was Endeavouring to Raise a Rebellion in St Marys County; from which grievous Oppression and Harshness of Proceedings y^e Petitioner most humbly prays y^e Exc^{ty} that he may be protected in his his Majesty's Colony of Virginia under y^e quiet and peaceable Govern^{mt} of y^e Exc^{ty} that so y^e Petitioner may be enabled to make his just Complaint to his most sacred Majesty.

And as it duly bound shall pray for y^e Exc^{ty} long and Happy Govern^{mt} Under his most Sacred Majesty

Maryland

We y^e Subscribers, being members of may^{ty} honorable Council of this Province, do here by solemnly declare that we have not at any time, either directly or indirectly Received any directions or Commands from his Exc^{ty} the present Govern^r to do any illegal Act or thing which by Justice might be avoided or to regulate or Squard our Actions contrary to y^e Station and oath of his Majesty's Council in w^{ch} Majesty's name he hath been pleased to please us here; Given under our hands this 35th day of Day Decemb^r in y^e eighth year of his Majesty's Reign 1709

J^r: Clodion J^r: Courts Tho: Rankin